

# The NEW 5-Star Safety Ratings System

## Buying a safer car just got easier.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has set the standards for car safety for more than 30 years. We're raising the bar even higher starting with 2011 models by incorporating advanced technologies into testing procedures to better assess vehicle safety and probability for passenger injury.

## Building on existing tests.

Old tests included information about front and side crash worthiness, rollover resistance, and crash injury criteria for the chest only. By enhancing the 5-Star Ratings System with rigorous new test procedures, and collecting injury data for the chest, head, neck, and legs, we arm consumers with the information needed to purchase the safest cars on the market today.

## Why the change?

The new 5-Star Ratings System is part of NHTSA's continuous effort to drive the development of safer cars. Our latest testing standards challenge manufacturers to use the most advanced technologies to better protect people in real-world crashes. It's simple—tougher tests mean safer cars.

## Think "SAFER" for changes to the 5-Star Safety Ratings System.

- S** Side-impact test simulates a 20-mph crash into a 10-inch diameter pole.
- A** Advanced crash avoidance features such as Electronic Stability Control, Forward Collision Warning, and Lane Departure Warning are evaluated.
- F** Full injury assessment. Crash ratings now measure injury to additional areas of the body.
- E** Evaluating cars is simple with an *Overall Ratings Score*. Five stars is the highest rating and one is the lowest.
- R** Representative crash test dummies demonstrate how people of different sizes are affected in the event of a crash.



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## 5-Star Safety Ratings

*More Stars. Safer Cars.*



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